

EDITORIAL

Indians discovered Columbus

By Don Decker,
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(Editorial)

We celebrated the anniversary of Columbus's "discovery" of the Americas. Columbus was an Italian explorer hired by Spain to find a new route to "India". However, the name "India" was originally called 'Hindustan' at the time (not 'India') and when Columbus was keeping his diary, he used his limited Spanish to write in Spanish "Una gente in Dios" to describe the brown-skinned indigenous people of the Caribbean which meant "A people

of God".

If you run the Spanish words "in Dios" together you get roughly "Indians" in English which is a term that has been used exclusively by Indians to identify themselves in the modern setting: Apache Indians, Navajo Indians, Yavapai Indians, etc.

Interestingly, Columbus never set foot in what is now known as 'America'. This would include any of the states closest to the Caribbean Islands such as Florida,



South Carolina, North Carolina and the eastern starboard states up to Maine.

The Tianos of the Caribbean greeted Columbus on his arrival near the present islands of Puerto Rico and Dominican Republic. Columbus made several forays back and forth from Europe to the New World at the time. Some of the Indians were taken as slaves back to Spain.

Only one other European, Leif Erikson (born in 970 A.D.), a Norseman from

Iceland visited the North American continent in the vicinity of Maine (the Gulf of St. Lawrence) when the Sinagua ("without water") Indians were making coiled clay pots in the canyons of what is now known as Sedona around the time Erikson was boating along river in North America.

'America' is an Italian word derived from the name of Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci (1454-1512), an Italian sea scout who mapped the east coast of South America and the Caribbean Sea.

It is estimated that there were one hun-

dred million at the end of the fifteenth century in North "America" and 2/5s of those were in North 'America' including Mexico-all Indians.

Seven hundred years before the times of Columbus, an advanced Mayan civilization in Central 'America' had a calendar system that was more accurate than the Julian calendar today. All of the star constellations had been mapped out by the Mayans.

Peruvian Indians were conducting advanced neurosurgery and many kinds of pain killers such as novocaine were harvested

from the Amazon jungles and were used in medical treatments.

The notion that "Columbus discovered America" is far from the truth. Unfortunately, the ancestors of Columbus (in a country where the Vatican is located) do not want to acknowledge that obvious mistake in Columbus getting lost and sailing in wrong direction of his intended journey.

Columbus Day will never be abolished for obvious reasons. But Indians in 'America' have their 'Indigenous People's Day' and voiding any references to 'Columbus Day'.

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Happy 15th Birthday Abel Campos

Son we love you so much you are truly
A gift from Heaven you bring us so much



Joy and Happiness just being the loving Son that You are. As you turn 15 this remember that we love You and know that you are respectful, kind hearted Loving. We love you son. Wishing you many blessings

And a Happy 15th Birthday.
Love Mom & Dad (Margaret & Victor)

Abel R. Campos, BIG shout out to Grandson 15 years old now

Our hearts go out to you, with lots of love and Many, many blessings and just lots of hugs and kisses

We want you to know is we love you so much.

Love: G-pa Danny, G-ma Wendy, Auntie Dyani, Taagi Butterfly, Sisters Chelsea, Arianna, Angie and Grandpa Jon

To our Brother Abel

We want to wish you a Happy 15th Birthday.

We love you little brother and we wish You many more years to come. Happy Birthday
Love Clint, David and Bethany

YAN youth recognized for excellent grades

By Community News

Congratulations to local youth athletes Anthony De La Torre and Serenity De La Torre who are being recognized for outstanding academics.

The Phoenix AYP



Anthony and Serenity De La Torre, brother and sister recognized for outstanding academic achievement.

League has named both children as Scholar Ballers for maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher. Anthony plays football for the Cottonwood Marauders in the High

Desert Youth Football 11U Division and Serenity cheers for all divisions within the league.

This is the first year HDYF has become apart of the Phoenix AYP League. Anthony and Serenity are learning at a young age the importance of academics while playing sport. In addition to football and cheer both play baseball, softball, basketball and also participate in youth runs which include the annual YAN Exodus commemoration run.

Anthony and Serenity are the children of Lisa De La Torre and grandchildren of the late Amy Gibson Mendoza; David and Diana De La Torre of Camp Verde.

Lisa works in the Public Defender's Office as Mediator and Office Manager

A Special Thanks from Native American Week coordinators

Native American week (September 24-28, 2018) was a very busy time. Each day there was always something that needed to be done. Food to be set up tables, chairs and even food to cook. There were those who helped with this event in one or another. Without these individuals helping made this years event even more exciting and Fun. So a big thank you goes out to these hard working people who did their task for the people of the

Nation. Again thank you to:

1. Roads Crew- Daniel Lewis and all his hard workers for rebuilding the Arbors at the Veterans Park even in the rain they completed the Arbors.

2. Daycare- They made the beautiful center pieces for the Elder Fashion Show.

3. Martin Loretto, Bethany Lowry, Bernadine Valenzuela it was a tough job judging the Fashion show and these 3 judges had the

honor of choosing the winners.

4. Recreation Dept. for helping with setting up the tables & chairs for our events. Serving food and helping clean up after the events.

5. Thank you to all the helpers who really helped with each nightly events and cooking and serving food and cleaning up for each and all events. Thank you to:

Helen Shaw, Zayna Turner, Mariah Shaw, Jonathan Reano, Sushandalynn Lewis,

Chad Donendorf, Raechel Wright, Bethany Lowry, Annabelle Ibarra. Thank you all your hard work and dedication to this year's event.

We thank everyone whom helped with us this years for our Native American week.

Alexia Eswonia &

Margaret Lowry-

Campos

Co-Event Coordinators

'Memories of long ago'

by Genevieve Stacey-Wright-Yavapai/Apache elder

My mother was Mary Quesada Stacey a Tonto Apache who was born in 1908 in Fossil Creek in the mountains 16 miles east of Camp Verde and passed away in 1996.

She was in her teens when this photograph was taken while wearing an Apache camp dress at Clarkdale which also known as "Indian Village in the mid-1920s. Clarkdale Indian Village was a piece of land that was given to the Indians.

in the early 1920s Mary posed for a photo at an amusement

park in Santa Monica, California while on a weekend break from her job. At the time, the government was placing Indians on "job placement" assigned by the Ft. Mohave Boarding School where she had been placed in that period of time when the federal government was putting Indian children in boarding schools.

Later, after boarding school, my mother met my father Johnson Stacey, a full-blood Yavapai at church in "Indian village" which is now part of the town of Clarkdale and Yavapai-Apache Nation. They got married and had 4 children: 2 boys

and 2 girls: Two of the children succumbed to childhood illnesses and the other two survived to adulthood: Johnson Henry Stacey Jr., (deceased), and Genevieve Stacey Wright resides in Middle Verde community.

Mary Stacey passed away in 1996 in Phoenix and was returned to Verde Valley for her funeral with burial at the Clarkdale Cemetery. Her husband, Johnson, passed away in 1985 and after his funeral on the Fort McDowell Reservation, he was buried in the cemetery near his brother, Roy and other relatives in Ft. Mc Dowell.

Mary Quesada Stacey in her younger days.



Mary Quesada Stacey-Tonto Apache



Mary Quesada Stacey